

REMARKS

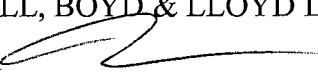
This Response is submitted in reply to the Office Action mailed on November 28, 2007. The Office Action is initially a restriction requirement. In this regard, restriction is required between two alleged groups of invention: Group I (Claims 1-5 and 15) and Group II (Claims 6-14). In response, Applicants elect Group I (Claims 1-5 and 15). However, Applicants reserve the right to file one or more divisional applications directed to the non-elected claims.

In addition, the Patent Office is requiring an election of species. In this regard, the Patent Office is requiring Applicants to elect a specific amino acid or amino acid combination. Applicants elect hydroxyl amino acid. Applicants, of course, reserve the right to file one or more divisional applications to the non-elected species.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any fees which may be required or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 02-1818.

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